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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/514,245, filed February 28, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,703,023, which is a 35 U.S.C. § 120 continuation-in-part of International Application No. PCT/FR98/02634, filed December 4, 1998, published in a non-English language.